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Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park to Host Rededication Event

Earlimart, Calif. – Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park will host an annual rededication celebration on Saturday, October 10. The rededication of this park, which is the only town in California founded, financed and governed by African Americans, is an opportunity for park users and supporters to renew their commitment to the park and its symbolic representation of self-determination for African-Americans.

The day starts with a 5K health run/walk through the park at 9 a.m. The celebration follows from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with guest speakers, entertainment, arts, crafts, and food vendors. Docents in period attire will be giving tours of some of 22 historic buildings located in the park.

The park entrance fee is \$8 per passenger vehicle and \$50 for a bus with up to 24 passengers or \$100 for a bus with 25 passengers or more.

Colonel Allensworth and a group of like-minded citizens, dedicated to improving the economic and social status of African-Americans founded the small farming community in 1908. The community became a state park and opened to the public in October 1976. The community is on both the National Registers of Historic Places and California State Historic Landmarks.

For more information on:

- **Event:** Steven.Ptomey@parks.ca.gov and (661) 849-3433
- **5K Health Run/Walk:** www.allensworth5krunwalk.org
- **Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park:** www.parks.ca.gov/allensworth

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